

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 16-30 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of the present amendment, Applicant has cancelled the original claims rendering this rejection moot. These claims have been replaced by claims 16-30 which are based on the original claims but which have been drastically rewritten. The claims now are in proper U.S. format including a single sentence. Antecedent basis has been corrected and the claims have been generally made to be more definite. In view of the above, Applicant submits that indefiniteness has been removed and therefore the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

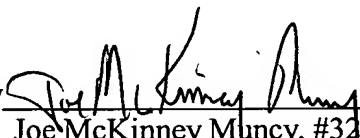
Conclusion


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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